



Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts Quarterly Report

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The project is being coordinated throughout the state by the Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts in conjunction with the Washington Telehealth Consortium. The Washington Telehealth Consortium (WTC) is open to rural and urban hospitals, telehealth/telemedicine service providers, carriers and state agencies. Founding members of this consortium include eight healthcare organizations, five of which collectively deliver telehealth services to more than forty rural communities in the state of Washington. WTC members sign a formal Memorandum of Understanding committing to develop and advance appropriate statewide telehealth solutions. The WTC includes all of the state's major telehealth service providers, the Community Health Plan (a health and medical insurance company owned and

operated by the federally qualified health centers in the state), and the organizations (AWPHD & WSHA) that represent the state's rural hospitals.

The network has not been developed so there are no new health care providers connected as a result of the pilot at this time. The RFP for network design has not been posted to the USAC website as of July 31, 2008. We anticipate posting it in the next month.

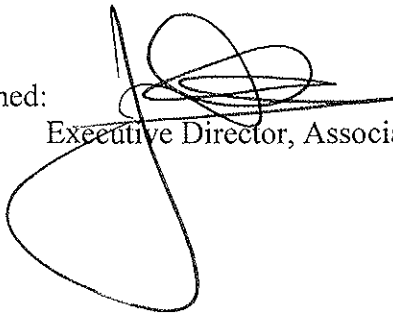
To date the Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts has incurred \$220,000 supporting the Washington Telehealth Consortium. We know that these funds are not counted as matching funds. The 15 percent matching funds in the future will be provided by the Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts.

The project's current leadership is the Association of Washington Public Hospital District with input from the Washington Telehealth Consortium Steering Committee.

The project plan and schedule is as follows:

- August 2008 – RFP for network design posted on USAC website
- September 2008 – vendor chosen for network design
- November 2008 – network design finalized?
- Future work dependent on outcome of design

Signed:


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